

## General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

**Resolution No.:** 2022-C018  
**Title:** Trial use of the “Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings”  
**Proposer:** Virginia  
**Topic:** Liturgy

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2018-A217 Study the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings  
2006-A077 Use the Revised Common Lectionary as the Lectionary of this Church  
1994-A072 Authorize Trial Use of *The Revised Common Lectionary*

**Indirectly Related:** (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

1973-B061 Devise and Consult on a Common Lectionary

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.*

# C018 - Trial use of the “Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Virginia

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** No

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 12 - Prayer Book, Liturgy & Music

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to study the “Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings,” which has been prepared by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), and to make recommendations to the 81st General Convention about trial use.

## Explanation

This resolution asks General Convention to instruct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider trial use of the “Expanded Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings.” Trial use is a first step that may or may not lead to later adoption for permanent use.

The Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) is an ecumenical body in which the Episcopal Church participates. It prepared the *Revised Common Lectionary* for Sundays and Holy Days (1992), which the General Convention approved for trial use (1994-2006) and for inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer (2006). In 2005 the CCT also approved the *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings* and commended it for trial use. The Evangelical Lutheran Church’s *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006) and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s *Book of Common Worship* (2018) include that daily lectionary, and the Anglican Church of Canada is now considering possible adoption. The 2018 General

Convention asked the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) to consider trial use for the Episcopal Church, but it declined to recommend it to the 2022 convention, out of a concern that it might distract the convention from its report on the revision of the calendar for lesser feasts and fasts. This resolution would send an expanded version of the daily readings back to the SCLM for consideration after the 2022 General Convention acts on the revision of the saints' calendar.

The expanded version of *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings*, which the CCT adopted for trial use in 2021, differs from the 2005 edition in that it includes four daily lessons (OT, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel), making possible use for a daily Eucharist. It follows the earlier 2005 version in that it: (a) relates weekday and Saturday lessons to the Revised Common Lectionary's Sunday and major holy day lessons, (b) follows the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary, and (c) includes a broader representation of Biblical women than that in *Weekday Eucharistic Propers* (adopted in seasonal portions by General Conventions from 1973 to 1997).

Augsburg Fortress Press is working on a print version. In the meantime, a listing of lessons can be found at <https://vts.edu/faculty-research-project-expanded-revised-common-lectionary-daily-readings/>.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A217

**Title:** Study the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings

**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred

**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to consider the Consultation on Common Text's Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings; and report to the 80th General Convention.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 376.



**Resolution Number:** 2006-A077  
**Title:** Use the Revised Common Lectionary as the Lectionary of this Church  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the 75th General Convention direct that the Revised Common Lectionary shall be the Lectionary of this Church, amending the Lectionary on pp. 889-921 of The Book of Common Prayer, effective the First Sunday of Advent, 2007; with the provision for continued use of the previous Lectionary for purposes of orderly transition, with the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, until the First Sunday of Advent 2010.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), p. 466.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-A072  
**Title:** Authorize Trial Use of The Revised Common Lectionary  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

***Resolved, That the readings and psalms of *The Revised Common Lectionary* be authorized by this 71st General Convention for trial use for study and evaluation during the triennium, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent 1994, as authorized by the Ordinary.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 683.